METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ORGANIZING VENDOR INFORMATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A plurality of accounts payable items (14) are
5   communicated over communications links (24) to a global
purchasing information repository (GPIR) (12) by account
servers (19) and regional servers (18). A preparation
application (16) unifies the representation of the items
and a GPIR application (20) associates categories (54)
10   and buyer identifiers (56) with the items based on
criteria (70). A vendor alignment tool module (23)
associates vendor identifiers (58) with vendor names (34)
associated with the items and with the items. The module
also associates vendor groups (62) with the vendor
15   identifiers based on relationships between the vendor
identifiers. A plurality of reports (74) may be
generated in response to the identifiers, groups and
categories to provide information to a business regarding
global expenditures and vendor relationships.